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My residence, post office address and country of citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I am the original, first and sole inventor, if only one inventor is identified below, or an original, first and joint inventor, if more than one inventor is identified below, of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought and which is entitled:

ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR WITH PROTECTION FOR ELECTRICAL CONTACTS
Title of the Invention

and which is described and claimed:

 x in the attached application including
specification and claims if this line is
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I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification and the claims;

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I claim foreign priority, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.55, of an application for patent or inventor's certificate, and identify below said application (if any is identified) and any such foreign application (if any is identified) having a filing date before that of the application on which foreign priority is claimed;

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willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, (18 U.S.C. 1001) and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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